FEDERAL BUDGET ESTIMATING— ASSESSING ACCURACY

Committee on Rules: Subcommittee on Legislative and Budget Process held a hearing on "Assessing the Accuracy of Federal Budget Estimating." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue May 9.

TRAVEL AGENCY BUSINESS ISSUES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing entitled "Issues in the Travel Agency Business." Testimony was heard from Representative Foley; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—ARMING FLIGHT CREWS AGAINST TERRORIST ACTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation oversight hearing on Arming Flight Crews Against Terrorist Acts. Testimony was heard from Sarah V. Hart, Director, National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Benefits approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4015, Jobs for Veterans Act; and H.R. 4085, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2002, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 4090, Personal Responsibility, Work, and Family Promotion Act of 2002; and H.R. 4626, Encouraging and Supporting Marriage Act of 2002.

SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSIONER— CHALLENGES FACING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing on Challenges Facing the New Commissioner of Social Security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the SSA: Jo Anne Barnhart, Commissioner; and James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General; Hal Daub, Chairman, Social Security Advisory Board; Barbara Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

CONSOLIDATED CRYPTOLOGIC PROGRAM BUDGET

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Consolidated Cryptologic Program Budget. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2002

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 6 through May 11, 2002

Senate Chamber

On *Monday, at 3 p.m.*, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3009, Andean Trade Preference Expansion Act.

On *Tuesday and Wednesday*, Senate will consider the conference report to accompany H.R. 2646, Farm Security Act, with a vote on or in relation to the conference report to occur on Wednesday.

During the balance of the week, Senate expects to continue consideration of H.R. 3009, Andean Trade Preference Expansion Act, and may also consider H.R. 3210, Terrorism Risk Protection Act, and any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: May 7, to resume hearings to examine homeland security funding issues and proposed legislation making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, 2:30 p.m., SD–192.

May 8, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, 9:30 a.m., SD–138.

May 8, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the Department of Labor, 10 a.m., SD–124.

May 8, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine Defense medical programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

May 8, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2003 for the General Accounting Office, Congressional Budget Office, and Government Printing Office, 10:30 a.m., SD-116.